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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 WILLIE PAUL VIGIL, JR.,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 JOE A. LIZARRAGA,

15 Respondent.
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No. 2:20-CV-1048-WBS-DMC-P

ORDER

17 Petitioner, a prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas
18 corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the Court are Petitioner's motions for the
19 appointment of counsel (ECF Nos. 2 and 15).

20 There currently exists no absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas
21 proceedings. See Nevius v. Sumner, 105 F.3d 453, 460 (9th Cir. 1996). However, 18 U.S.C.
22 § 3006A authorizes the appointment of counsel at any stage of the case "if the interests of
23 justice so require." See Rule 8(c), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. In the present case, the
24 court does not find that the interests of justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at
25 the present time.

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1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's motions for
2 appointment of counsel (ECF Nos. 2 and 15) are denied without prejudice to renewal, at the
3 earliest, after a response to the petition has been filed.

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5 Dated: October 20, 2020

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DENNIS M. COTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE